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Senate Bill 600 (As Introduced)

Topic: Wine Shipment

Sponsor: Senator Emerson

Co-sponsors: Senators Thomas III, Switalski, Olshove, Gilbert, Clarke, Schauer, Barcia, Clark-Coleman, Brater, Sanborn, Basham, Bernero, Bishop, Scott, Cherry, Leland, Prusi, and Goschka.

Committee: Government Operations

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Date of Summary: June 20, 2005

The bill clarifies language defining a “wine maker” as someone who manufactures wine to sell to a wholesaler, at retail on a license winery premises. The bill also adds new language prohibiting a wine maker or a small wine maker from shipping wine to anyone in this state for personal consumption or non-commercial purposes. Under the bill, wine makers and small wine makers are added to section 607 as entities that may not be licensed as a specially designated merchant/distributor or permitted to sell or deliver to the consumer any quantity of alcoholic liquor at retail. An exception wouldn’t be made for sales at a licensed winery. Additionally, a specially designated distributor/merchant is prohibited from holding a wine maker or small wine maker license.